

- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -

Claims 1, 3 to 8, 10 to 13 and 15 to 18 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 10 to 13, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wing, in view of Lee et al. and Dement. These rejections are herein traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references teaches or suggests a rail engaging member that is removably securable at selected vertically spaced-apart fixed locations along the spaced-apart panels for allowing a storage organizer unit to be suspended at various distances from the floor, even though the rail from which the unit hangs is securely mounted to the wall.

Both Wing and Lee et al. do not permit adjusting the height of the suspended storage unit after the rail has been securely fixed to the wall. Wing's rail engaging member 19 can be mounted in a single position relative to the upright one, that is at the top end thereof via a bolt 21, and not 22 (see column 3, first paragraph). Likewise, Lee et al.'s bracket 20 can only be mounted at one location on the panel 56 that is in the recess 58.

The third reference relied on by the Examiner does not cure the deficiencies noted above. Dement's storage organizer unit can only be suspended in a single position relative to the rail 14. Each panel 16 has a single cut-out portion 38 for receiving the rail. The sole purpose of the hole 24 referred to by the Examiner in his latest Office Action is to permit installation of the shelves at various positions in the storage organizer unit. Dement clearly lacks any rail engaging member that can be installed at various positions along the upright panels for allowing the overall storage organizer unit to be installed at different heights relative to the floor, once the rail has been secured to the wall. All the systems disclosed in the cited references have serious limitations as, for instance, when it is desired to suspend a unit from a rail that was originally positioned at a height determined in accordance with another storage unit having different dimensions than the one to be installed. To properly install the new unit, one would have to remove the rail from the wall and then reposition the rail thereon, in accordance with the new storage unit.

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